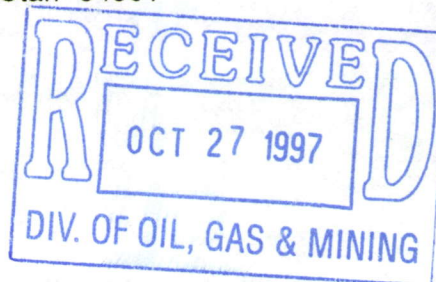




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Fred Mortensen
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Dear Mr. Mortensen:

We have received confirmation from Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining concerning your reclamation bond calculation. We therefore have determined that your plan of operations is complete as of October 21, 1997. We expect to complete the review of the plan and issue a decision within 30 days.

You must have the reclamation bond in place prior to beginning any work under the plan of operations. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at 435-636-3639.

Sincerely,

/S/ THOMAS E. RASMUSSEN

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